THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. All efforts are being made by Delhi Development Authority to provide civic facilities in Dwarka.

(c) In Dwarka the water services are to be provided by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and electricity by Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB).

WATER SUPPLY

DJB agreed to release 10 mgd. of water from Nangloi water treatment plant which could not be made possible due to non-operation of the plant in the absence of release of water by Haryana Government. However, DJB has released 0.5 mgd. of water for Dwarka in December, 1998. As an interim arrangement water has been provided by the DDA through tubewells.

ELECTRICITY

Regular meetings are held by DDA with the Delhi Vidyut Board to get electrification work expedited.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The planning and construction of bridge/flyover and the approach roads have been taken up by DDA with the concerned authorities. These involve acquisition of land which has already been initated. No specific time frame can be given for this.

HUDCO projects pending with Government

3066. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of projects pending with Government for which 'HUDCO' has executed agreements and taken advances from the private and public sector companies as on date;

(b) the number of projects so far cleared by the 'HUDCO' and number of projects which have been delayed for necessary clearance as on date; and

(c) the reasons therefor and time by which the said pending projects will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) No such projects are pending with the Government. However, HUDCO has allotted space at Bhikaji Cama Place and Andrews Ganj to various private and public agencies. These projects are at various levels of progress/completion as given in statements I and II below.

Statement-I

Status of construction of projects taken up by HUDCO at Bhikaji Cama Place

HUDCO was allotted land through DDA on Plot No. 14, 25 and 26 at Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi by the land and Development Office in 1990. HUDCO has constructed 3 commercial complexes on these plots. The status of these projects is given below:

PROJECT: HUDCO Trikoot on Plot No. 26.

STATUS: Handed over to Central Public Works Department

PROJECT: HUDCO Vishala on Plot No. 14

STATUS: Building has been allotted to Employees Provident Fund Organisation and Unit Trust of India. Formal handing over and taking over with the allottees is in progress.

PROJECT: August Kranti Bhawan on Plot No. 25

STATUS: The building is in the final stage of completion and partly allotted.

Statement-II

Status of Construction of projects taken up by HUDCO at Andrews Ganj.

HUDCO was allotted land measuring 60.69 acres by the Government for development of community centre, zonal green and general pool accommodation for Government Employees. The status of these projects is given below:

PROJECT: Development of underground car parking, five star hotel, shopping plaza-cum-office complex, cultural centre and guest house on 17.6 acres of land.

STATUS: 12 blocks of guest houses, car Parking and plant room etc. have been constructed in the community centre and action for disposal of many of these has been taken by HUDCO. One guest house allotted to Indian Oil Corporation and the other allotted to Government of Karnataka have already started functioning. 9 guest houses which were allotted M/s MS Shoe & Co. are under litigation and further action will be taken based on the court decision. The hotel site has been allotted to M/s Leela Hotels and the Shopping complex area has been allotted to M/s Ansal Properties & Industrial Ltd. The shopping complex is under consturction.

PROJECT: Development of Zonal green on 18 acres of land as a buffer between the community centre on the Khel Gaon Marg and the general pool quarters on Joseph Tito Marg.

STATUS: The zonal green has already been developed and is fully functional.

PROJECT: Construction of general pool accommodation on 25 acres of land.

STATUS: Central Public Works Department has been entrusted to take up the construction of the remaining general pool quarter as a deposit work. An MoU has been signed between HUDCO and CPWD in this regard based on which an advance of Rs.413 crores has already been paid to CPWD. Statutory approval from various authorities is being obtained.

Ahmedabad In MEGA City project

3067. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what criteria were adopted by Government to select Hyderabad and Bangalore cities apart from Bombay, Calcutta and Madras for Mega City Projects;

(b) the reasons as to why Ahmedabad has not been included in that project;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Gujarat to include Ahmedabad in Mega City Project; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) For the purpose of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities, Urban Agglomerations with a population of 4.00 million and above, as per 1991 census, have been treated as Mega Cities. Since Ahmedabad Urban Agglomeration does not fulfil the basic criterion of 4.00 million population as per 1991 census, the